

# Utah Department of Environmental Quality Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet



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## Draft Hazardous Waste Storage Permit for the ATK Launch Systems – Promontory (ATK) Facility

### WHERE IS THE ATK FACILITY?

The ATK - Promontory facility is located in Box Elder County, approximately 30 miles northwest of Brigham City, Utah. The 20,000 acre plant site is situated in Blue Creek Valley, north of the Great Salt Lake, along State Highway 83.

### WHAT ACTIVITIES OCCUR AT THE ATK FACILITY?

Since operations began in 1956, ATK and its predecessors have been primarily involved in the production and testing of rocket motor propellants. Currently, ATK's primary activities consist of motor production for the Space Shuttle, development work for the next generation of space shuttles including the Crew Launch Vehicle and Heavy Launch Vehicle, restoration of Minuteman ICBMs, and the production and testing of various types of military flares.

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ATK HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE PERMIT?

ATK generates a variety of chemical and reactive hazardous wastes and conducts hazardous waste management activities

at the site that are regulated by R315 of the Utah Administrative Code (UAC).

The site was formerly owned and operated by the Thiokol Corporation. A Hazardous Waste Storage Permit was originally issued to the Thiokol Corporation by the Executive Secretary of the Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste Control Board (Executive Secretary) on September 15, 1992.

The Executive Secretary is proposing to reissue the Hazardous Waste Storage Permit (the Permit) to ATK. The Permit will reauthorize the operation of six hazardous waste storage units in accordance with the UAC. The six storage units that will be regulated by the permit are:  
M-186, E-501, M-705S, M-136, M-47 and M-603.

### WHERE CAN I REVIEW THE DRAFT PERMIT?

A copy of the draft Permit is available for review by the public during normal business hours at the Brigham City Library, 26 East Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah. A copy of the draft Permit and complete administrative record are available for review by the

public at the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste (the Division) office on the 4th floor of the Martha Hughes Cannon Health Building, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:00 pm or other hours with prior arrangement.

The public may also review this fact sheet and an unofficial copy of the draft Permit on-line at the Division's web site:  
(<http://www.hazardouswaste.utah.gov/>)

To access the on-line information, go to the Division's web site identified above, select the "Public Viewing Area" and click on the "Public Hearings & Comment Periods" menu item. Then select the ATK – Promontory draft Permit to access all on-line information.

### HOW MAY I COMMENT ON THE DRAFT PERMIT?

A 45-day public comment period will begin on August 1, 2008 and will end on September 15, 2008. A public hearing will be held on September 9, 2008 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Brigham City Public Library, 26 East Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah. Public comments will be collected at the hearing.

<http://www.hazardouswaste.utah.gov/>

Written comments may also be submitted to:

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Utah Solid and Hazardous Waste  
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Comments may be sent via electronic mail to [swpublic@utah.gov](mailto:swpublic@utah.gov), and should be identified in the subject line by putting the following information "Comments on the ATK – Promontory Draft Hazardous Waste Storage Permit." All documents included in the comments should be submitted as ASCII (text) files or in PDF format.

All comments must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. on September 15, 2008. Public comments will be considered in the Executive Secretary's final decision on the draft permit.

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